

**REMARKS**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee for this application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

If any amendments have been filed under Articles 19 and 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, applicant requests that these amendments not be entered.

The above amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependent claims, and to place them in condition suited for US practice. No amendments were made in view of any prior art.

The specification has been amended to conform to US practice. A clean copy of a substitute specification is provided along with a marked-up copy showing the amendments made thereto. No new matter has been entered in the specification.

Entry of the Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,



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